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SUBJ: EXPERIMENTAL COMBINATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECTIONS
IN EMBASSY LA PAZ

1. DURING ABSENCE OF DCM PARKER ON HOME LEAVE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAVNDAL WILL BE ACTING DCM. IN THIS PERIOD THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SECTIONS WILL BE EXPERIMENTALLY COMBINED UNDER ECONOMIC OFFICER LANDBERG. THIS WILL PROVIDE A TEST AS TO WHETHER THE THEORY OF COMBINING THE TWO SECTIONS CAN ACTUALLY WORK OUT IN PRACTICE. IF THE TEST DOES SHOW THAT THE COMBINATION IS LOGICAL, I WILL PROPOSE THAT IT BE MADE PERMANENT. IT WOULD ALSO THEN RECOMMEND THE ELIMINATION OF THE POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF POSITION AND ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY.

2. SINCE I AM NOT YET SURE THAT THIS EXPERIMENT WILL PROVE THE VALIDITY OF COMBINING THE SECTIONS, I REQUEST THAT PER CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAVNDAL. HOWEVER, I REQUEST THAT THE ASSIGNMENT NOT BE MADE DEFINITIVE UNTIL I AM ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER I WILL REQUEST THE RETENTION OR CANCELLATION OF THE POSITION. I WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THIS DETERMINATION UNTIL MAY 15 I TRUST THAT THIS WILL POSE NO PROBLEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT SINCE RAVNDAL'S SCHEDULED TIME OF DEPARTURE IS NOT UNTIL JULY.
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